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TITLE OF INVENTION: APPARATUS, METHODS AND ARTICLES OF MANUFACTURE FOR SECURING COMPUTER NETWORKS

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## Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 821 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 821 day(s).

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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/032,251	RADATTI, PETER V.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	MICHAEL PYZOSHA	2437	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 3/13/09.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8-13 and 28-40.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
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  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

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**DETAILED ACTION**

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Frank J. Bonini, Jr. (Reg. No. 35,452) on 05/11/2009. Authorization has also been given to charge any additional fees which maybe required to Patent Office Deposit Account No. 05-0208.

The application has been amended as follows:

**LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-7 (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim [[1]] 32 further comprising the step of reporting the results of said comparison.

9. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim [[1]] 32 further comprising the step of logging the results of said comparison.

10. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim [[1]] 32 further comprising the step of securing a client in lock down mode.

11. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim [[1]] 32 further comprising the step of initiating a client status mechanism.

12. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim [[1]] 32 further comprising the step of initiating an Auto Restore component.

13. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim [[1]] 32 wherein the step of providing a client state code further comprises generating a client state code.

Claims 14-27 (Cancelled).

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 32, wherein said clients within said network are identical clients, and wherein said client state codes of the said identical clients are identical.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 32, wherein said clients within said network have one or more files present thereon which are common to one or more clients on said network, said files,

wherein said hash code table includes file names and hash codes which are concatenated and stored in said table.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 32, wherein said method involves initiating a client process from a computer, and wherein providing a hash code table of a client comprises providing a hash code table for the computer from which the client process was initiated.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 32, wherein the client state code is transmitted along with authentication.

32. (Previously Presented) A method for securing, maintaining, monitoring and controlling computer networks and clients located therein, comprising: providing a hash code table of a client said hash code table being provided for storing a plurality of files; providing a client state code of a client; comparing said client state code to said hash code table, and generating an alert mechanism when a deviation threshold is reached based on a deviation between said hash code table values for said client and said client state code;

wherein said hash code table includes the hash codes for files on computers within the network that are to be secured;

the method further including:

transmitting across a network from clients located in the network a client state code;

providing at least one server within the network assigned to recognize said client state code transmission,

wherein said server maintains a baseline for said client, and  
wherein said baseline comprises said hash code table of a said client;  
wherein the step of providing a hash code table of a network device further  
comprises providing a secure hash code table;  
wherein the step of providing a secure hash code table further comprises  
generating a secure hash code table; and  
wherein the step of generating a secure hash code table further comprises  
generating a secure hash code table using at least one compiled client hash value,  
wherein said compiled client hash value is generated by: providing a secure system  
state data file; grouping said secure system data file into one or more groups; and,  
extracting the modal hash value from any of said groups.

33. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] computer storage component of claim 34,  
~~including software containing the hash code table generated by a method for securing,~~  
~~maintaining, monitoring and controlling computer networks and clients located therein,~~  
~~comprising: providing a hash code table of a client said hash code table being provided~~  
~~for storing a plurality of files; providing a client state code of a client; comparing said~~  
~~client state code to said hash code table, and generating an alert mechanism when a~~  
~~deviation threshold is reached based on a deviation between said hash code table~~  
~~values for said client and said client state code; wherein said hash code table includes~~  
~~the hash codes for files on computers within the network that are to be secured;~~  
~~the method further including:~~  
~~transmitting across a network from clients located in the network a client state~~



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code;

~~providing at least one server within the network assigned to recognize said client state code transmission;~~

~~wherein said server maintains a baseline for said client, and~~

~~wherein said baseline comprises said hash code table of a said client; wherein the step of providing a hash code table of a network device further comprises providing a secure hash code table;~~

~~wherein the step of providing a secure hash code table further comprises generating a secure hash code table; and~~

wherein the step of generating a secure hash code table further comprises generating a secure hash code table using at least one compiled client hash value.

34. (Previously Presented) A computer storage component including software containing the hash code table generated by a method for securing, maintaining, monitoring and controlling computer networks and clients located therein, comprising: providing a hash code table of a client said hash code table being provided for storing a plurality of files; providing a client state code of a client; comparing said client state code to said hash code table, and generating an alert mechanism when a deviation threshold is reached based on a deviation between said hash code table values for said client and said client state code;

wherein said hash code table includes the hash codes for files on computers within the network that are to be secured;

the method further including:

transmitting across a network from clients located in the network a client state code;

providing at least one server within the network assigned to recognize said client state code transmission,

wherein said server maintains a baseline for said client, and

wherein said baseline comprises said hash code table of a said client; wherein the step of providing a hash code table of a network device further comprises providing a secure hash code table;

wherein the step of providing a secure hash code table further comprises generating a secure hash code table; and

wherein the step of generating a secure hash code table further comprises generating a secure hash code table using at least one compiled client hash value, wherein said compiled client hash value is generated by: providing a secure system state data file; grouping said secure system data file into one or more groups; and, extracting the modal hash value from any of said groups.

35. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ computer storage component of claim 34, ~~including software containing the hash code table generated by a method for securing, maintaining, monitoring and controlling computer networks and clients located therein, comprising: providing a hash code table of a client said hash code table being provided for storing a plurality of files; providing a client state code of a client; comparing said client state code to said hash code table, and generating an alert mechanism when a~~

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~~deviation threshold is reached based on a deviation between said hash code table values for said client and said client state code;~~

~~wherein said hash code table includes the hash codes for files on computers within the network that are to be secured;~~

~~the method further including:~~

~~transmitting across a network from clients located in the network a client state code;~~

~~providing at least one server within the network assigned to recognize said client state code transmission;~~

~~wherein said server maintains a baseline for said client, and~~

~~wherein said baseline comprises said hash code table of a said client;~~

~~wherein the step of providing a hash code table of a network device further comprises providing a secure hash code table;~~

~~wherein the step of providing a secure hash code table further comprises generating a secure hash code table; and~~

~~wherein the stop of generating a secure hash code table further comprises generating a secure hash code table using at least one exemplary system.~~

36. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ computer storage component of claim 34,

~~including software containing the hash code table generated by a method for securing, maintaining, monitoring and controlling computer networks and clients located therein, comprising: providing a hash code table of a client said hash code table being provided for storing a plurality of files; providing a client state code of a client; comparing said~~

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~~client state code to said hash code table, and generating an alert mechanism when a deviation threshold is reached based on a deviation between said hash code table values for said client and said client state code;~~

~~wherein said hash code table includes the hash codes for files on computers within the network that are to be secured;~~

~~the method further including:~~

~~transmitting across a network from clients located in the network a client state code;~~

~~providing at least one server within the network assigned to recognize said client state code transmission,~~

~~wherein said server maintains a baseline for said client, and~~

~~wherein said baseline comprises said hash code table of a said client;~~

~~wherein the step of providing a hash code table of a network device further comprises providing a secure hash code table;~~

~~wherein the step of providing a secure hash code table further comprises generating a secure hash code table; and~~

~~wherein the step of generating a secure hash code table further comprises generating a secure hash code table using at least one baseline secure value.~~

37. (Currently Amended) A method for securing, maintaining, monitoring and controlling computer networks and clients located therein, comprising:

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providing a hash code table of a client on at least one storage component of a computer network device or client; providing a client state code of a client on at least one storage component of a computer network device or client;

comparing said client state code to said hash code table, wherein said hash code table is operable for one or more client platforms;

wherein providing a hash code table includes gathering baseline values to define modal values and generating said hash code table using said defined modal values,

wherein each of said clients uses the same or different operating platform as another of said client, and wherein regardless of the operating platform used by a said client, said client state code is compared to said generated hash code table.

38. (New) A method for securing, maintaining, monitoring and controlling computer networks and clients located therein, comprising: providing a network of computing components, including at least a plurality of clients, and at least one server; providing a hash code table of a client said hash code table being provided for storing a plurality of files; providing a client state code of a client; comparing said client state code to said hash code table, and generating an alert mechanism when a deviation threshold is reached based on a deviation between said hash code table values for said client and said client state code;

wherein said hash code table includes the hash codes for files on computers within the network that are to be secured;

the method further including:

transmitting across a network from clients located in the network a client state

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code;

providing at least one server within the network assigned to recognize said client state code transmission,

wherein said server maintains a baseline for said client, and

wherein said baseline comprises said hash code table of a said client;

wherein the step of providing a hash code table of a network device further comprises providing a secure hash code table;

wherein the step of providing a secure hash code table further comprises generating a secure hash code table; and

wherein the step of generating a secure hash code table further comprises generating a secure hash code table using at least one compiled client hash value, wherein said compiled client hash value is generated by: providing a secure system state data file; grouping said secure system data file into one or more groups; and, extracting the modal hash value from any of said groups.

39. (New) A computer storage component including software containing the hash code table generated by a method for securing, maintaining, monitoring and controlling computer networks and clients located therein, comprising: providing a network of computing components, including at least a plurality of clients, and at least one server; providing a hash code table of a client said hash code table being provided for storing a plurality of files; providing a client state code of a client; comparing said client state code to said hash code table, and generating an alert mechanism when a deviation threshold is reached based on a deviation between said hash code table values for said client and

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said client state code; wherein said hash code table includes the hash codes for files on computers within the network that are to be secured;

the method further including:

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wherein said server maintains a baseline for said client, and

wherein said baseline comprises said hash code table of a said client; wherein the step of providing a hash code table of a network device further comprises providing a secure hash code table;

wherein the step of providing a secure hash code table further comprises generating a secure hash code table; and

wherein the step of generating a secure hash code table further comprises generating a secure hash code table using at least one compiled client hash value, wherein said compiled client hash value is generated by: providing a secure system state data file; grouping said secure system data file into one or more groups; and, extracting the modal hash value from any of said groups.

40. (New) A method for securing, maintaining, monitoring and controlling computer networks and clients located therein, comprising: providing a network of computing components, including at least a plurality of clients, and at least one server;

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providing a hash code table of a client on at least one storage component of a computer network device or client; providing a client state code of a client on at least one storage component of a computer network device or client;

comparing said client state code to said hash code table, wherein said hash code table is operable for one or more client platforms;

wherein providing a hash code table includes gathering baseline values to define modal values and generating said hash code table using said defined modal values,

wherein each of said clients uses the same or different operating platform as another of said client, and wherein regardless of the operating platform used by a said client, said client state code is compared to said generated hash code table.



***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: As indicated in the Office Action mailed 09/08/2008 the prior art fails to teach gathering/grouping values/files and extracting the modal value(s) to provide a hash code table in combination with the remaining claimed limitations. The additional amendments made to claim 37 were made to place the claim in compliance with 35 USC 101.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL PYZOCHA whose telephone number is (571)272-3875. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 7:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Michael Pyzocha/  
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